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Enclosed are clippings from the February 8 and 29, 1956 issue of the "Zajednicar," official publication of the CFU. These clippings concern a membership contest in the CFU in which the awards will be trips to Yugoslavia during the summer of 1956. It appears that as a result of this contest, the winners and those who accompany the winners will constitute a sizable group traveling to Yugoslavia.

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Campaigners Offered Trip To Yugoslavia For 690 Points

Society's 1956 Membership Campaign Prize Winners May Make Trip To Yugoslavia Either By Ocean Liner Or Plane

Italian Lines "Saturnia" Will Depart From New York July 23rd
And Make Brief Stops At Lisbon, Gibraltar, Naples And Palermo

By STEPHEN F. BRKICH, Secretary, Membership Campaign Committee

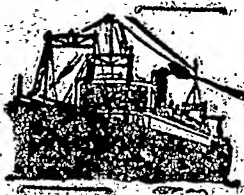
Pittsburgh, Pa. — The Croatian Fraternal Union's Membership Campaign Committee met last week to take up the case of those striving to win the Grand Prize Award of an all-expense paid 1956 visit to Yugoslavia but averse to making the overseas and return trip via the air routes.

Although commercial flights across the Atlantic and back are commonplace these days, not to mention great time savers, many of the Society's Field Workers would rather cross the Atlantic by boat than by plane. To each his own!

With this in mind, the Campaign Committee decided Wednesday, February 1, 1956, to give the Grand Prize Award Winners their choice of departing for and returning from Yugoslavia either by boat or by plane. Arrangements will be made accordingly well in advance of the departure dates.

With the decision to sponsor so-called "Boat and Plane Tour Groups" came a change in the Campaign Points necessary to qualify for a visit to Yugoslavia.

The "Boat Group" aspirants will need but 690 Points to qualify, whereas the Points required by the "Plane Group" remain as originally set some weeks ago, i. e., 750 Points.



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Which means that the "Boat Group" contenders need 60 Points less than the 750 Points necessary to qualify for the much faster plane trip to Yugoslavia.

Back In USA September 19

The boat trip overseas will be made on the Italian Lines "Saturnia."

This liner will leave New York Monday, July 23, 1956, and make stops at Lisbon, Portugal, Gibraltar, Spain, and Naples and Palermo, Italy, before it arrives Monday, August 6, at Dubrovnik, known the world over as "The Pearl of The Adriatic."

Arrangements for the trip back to America call for the liner to dock in New York Wednesday, September 19. The return trip, via the Italian Lines "Vulcania," will start out of Dubrovnik Tuesday, September 4.

This means that those planning to make the trip by boat will be away from their homes for nearly two months, or exactly 59 days from the

time they embark at New York July 23 and land there again September 19.

For those who can afford the time, CFU Grand Prize Award Winners and interested Guests alike, here is a supreme vacation offer to meet your taste and budget.

The Value Of 690 Points

What will the "Boat Group" vacationers get for their 690 Points, or the Guests for the equivalent in money, \$690.00?

First, Tourist Class paid passage and meals on the "Saturnia" overseas and return on the "Vulcania."

Next, twenty-five expense paid days in Yugoslavia, including hotel rooms and meals, transportation to many, many scenic spots in all six of the Federated Republics of Yugoslavia, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and other tour incidentals.

Not included would be whatever the visitor wishes to spend for refreshments, souvenirs, trinkets, etc., during his or her stay in Yugoslavia.

Five days have also been set aside in order to allow those who so desire to visit with relatives and friends. Whatever the expenses for

these five days, hotel, meals, etc., they must be paid by the visitor, and not our Society.

Cities, Hotels, Trains

Many of Yugoslavia's great cities and centers are on the "visit list."

Among them are Zagreb, Sarajevo, Belgrade, Niš, Skopje, Titograd, Dubrovnik, Split, Šibenik, Zadar, Ljubljana, Rijeka and other famed centers.

Hotels which will house the visitors from the United States and Canada include the Esplanade, Europa, Kasino, Gradski, Makdonija, Grand, Imperija, Bellvue, Krk, Zagreb and Bonavia.

Transportation will be via such famous trains as the Simplon-Orient Express, Wagon-Lits and others. A Douglas DC-3 plane will also be used where necessary. And bus service will be provided when practical.

The complete itinerary is now in the hands of the Campaign Committee. Prepared by "Centro-Tourist", with offices in Zagreb, Croatia, it will be published in its entirety here next week.

Plane Great Time Saver

Plans for the "Plane Group" were nearing completion at this writing.

The overseas flight will be out of New York the first week of August, with a stopover in Paris, France.

Returning to the States, the "Plane Group" will make a stopover in Vienna, Austria, before landing in New York, probably before the Labor Day Weekend.

The same cities listed above are to be visited by this party of men and women. And the same hotels, transportation facilities, etc., will be used.

And the entire trip, overseas and return, won't take more than 35 days.

Which is a time saving of 24 days over the 59 days the "Boat Group" will be away from these shores.

Points needed: 750. Or \$750.00 in cash in the case of all Guests.

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Plans Almost Identical

The "Plane Group" visitors will be entitled to a 25-day stay in Yugoslavia with hotel rooms, meals, etc., paid.

Refreshments, souvenir purchases and the like are not included therein.

And five days will be left open for visits with relatives and friends in Yugoslavia. But at the expense of the individual — and not of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

In other words, the only difference between the "Boat and Plane Groups" will be the time element in days away from home: 59 for those who want to cross via ocean liner, approximately 35 for those who would rather fly.

Passports, Visas, Etc.

Guests should contact the Home Office as soon as possible if they wish to visit Yugoslavia with either of the groups mentioned herein.

Let us know how you want to make the trip — by boat or by plane. The sooner you make up your mind, the easier it will be for us to make arrangements with our contacts overseas.

Passport, visa and other vital information may be found on Page 9 of this issue. Please read it carefully and follow instructions to the letter if interested.

Still other pertinent data will appear on these pages in due time.

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Strict Rules Governing '56 Recruiting Drive

Chicago Ace Still Placing Recruiters In Great Campaign

US Info Agency
Showing Interest

By Stephen F. Brkich
Campaign Comm. Sec'y.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Like

Spring in a popular song of some years ago, the Croatian Fraternal Union's 1956 "Let's Visit Yugoslavia!" Membership Campaign is, to put it mildly, "bustin' all over."

More than 400 recruiters



... Theodore C. Streibert ...

are participating in the Campaign, better than 50% more than were expected in the field for the opening winter laps of the drive.

We cannot recall such widespread Campaign interest and activity for either January or February, not since we first had anything to do with these annual drives. And that goes back to 1940, or better than 16 years ago.

Imagine, if you can, what this year's Campaign will be like once the snow and ice disappear!

Nearing First Million

Now for a brief recap of the Campaign to date.

As of Friday, February 24, the Junior Department had enrolled 622 new members and signed \$447,600 in insurance.

The Adult Department accounted for 313 new members and \$236,000 in insurance during the same period, or from January 1 last through February 24.

Combined, both Depart-

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ments have thus come up with 935 new members and \$683,600 in new insurance production of the first magnitude when one bears in mind that it was accomplished in the dead of winter.

So, the Croatian Fraternal Union's 1956 Campaign is on its way to its first 1,000 new members and its first \$1 million in insurance. This won't take long.

Chicagoan Not Relaxing

Continuing to lead all Field Workers in this drive is Joseph Buktenica of Chicago, Ill., Lodge 202. He is a former member of the CFU Children's Home Board.

Bro. Buktenica owned 239 Points as of last Friday, February 24.

Not too far behind him came George Balich, Indiana Harbor, Ind., Lodge 288, with 211 Points.

In third place with 191 Points was Joseph Dzapo, Farrell, Pa., Lodge 128, while claiming fourth ranking was Matt Anich, West Allis, Wis., Lodge 391, with 153 Points.

Michael Baich of Johnstown, Pa., Lodge 5 had 148 Points at the end of last week, good enough for fifth place in the recruiting race.

Many Nearing 100 Mark

Two Canadians ranked 6th and 7th in the Campaign a few days ago.

Mary Burma, Vancouver, British Columbia, Lodge 787 had 136 Points, and Karmela Benac, Toronto, Ont., Lodge 975, owned 118 Points at that time.

Others in the 100-plus Points bracket as of February 24 were Laddie Slaman, Chicago Lodge 32; John Stanfel, Des Moines Lodge 872; John R. Mikan, Rochester, Pa., Lodge 85; John Jurisich, Ely, Minn., Lodge 355; and Milan Skrtic, Campbell, Ohio, Lodge 185.

No doubt others passed the 100 Points mark last week.

but Dr. F. J. Arch, the Society's Medical Director, was out of the city and many applications were on his desk at the time awaiting approval.

The Points of all will be brought up to date as soon as possible.

Pittsburgh "Press" Aids

The announcement last week in the Zajednicar that only 600 Points, or \$600, are now required to visit Yugoslavia in August of 1956 caused great excitement.

Phone calls and personal visits to the Home Office were quick to follow in the wake of that announcement and a number of members made immediate reservations for the trip, which will be made both by air and ocean liner.

The "Pittsburgh Press" article of Sunday, February 19, 1956, covering both the CFU Campaign and pilgrimage to Yugoslavia also caused quite a stir in our ranks.

Mr. Guy Wright of the "Press" was responsible for the highly interesting and informative article.

For which our thanks.

Government Takes Hand

The Campaign and Yugoslavia made news in another way last week.

The Home Office learned that the Federal Government's United States Information Agency, headed by Theodore C. Strlebert, is deeply interested in the overseas pilgrimage next August and anxious to see the undertaking succeed.

In fact, an official photographer spent some time in the Home Office last Friday morning, February 24th, "shooting" some of the personages behind the Campaign scenes and others interested in visiting Yugoslavia.

These photos will be used by the United States Information Agency to call international attention to the CFU's pilgrimage to Yugoslavia and make good will ambassadors of those American and Canadian members who will visit that country next August.

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